

control means for controlling said alert sound generator and determining whether a predetermined operation is operated when said alert sound is being rung [, whereby] and when said predetermined operation is operated an operating state of said alert sound generator is altered based on an outcome of the determination and a communication state between the terminal and the remote caller remains unchanged.

--2. (Amended) The communication terminal according to claim 1, wherein  
said control means controls the state of said alert sound generator to stop the [alert] sound.

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--3. (Amended) The communication terminal according to claim 1, wherein  
said control means controls the state of said alert sound generator to reduce the volume of the [alert] sound.

--4. (Twice Amended) The communication terminal according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined operation [key is a power key to turn on or break off power supply] is an operation depressing a predetermined operation key.

--5. (Twice Amended) The communication terminal according to claim 4, wherein said operation key is a power key to turn on or break off connection between said terminal and a power supply.

--6. (Twice Amended) The communication terminal according to claim 5, [further comprising a power source,] wherein said control means [breaks] includes disconnection means for turning off power supplied by said power [source] supply when said power key is depressed for at least a predetermined period of time and wherein said [control means changes the state of said alert sound generator] predetermined operation occurs when said power key is depressed for a time shorter than said predetermined period of time.

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--7. (Twice Amended) The communication terminal according to claim 6, wherein said predetermined period of time for depressing said power key is substantially equal to one second.

--8. (Twice Amended) The communication terminal according to claim 6, wherein said control means again changes the state of said alert sound generator when said [power key is subsequently depressed again for a time shorter than said] predetermined [period of time] operation occurs again, after said [power key is depressed for a time shorter than said] predetermined [period of time] operation has occurred a first time.

--9. (Amended) The communication terminal according to claim 8, wherein  
said control means controls the state of said alert sound generator to stop an alert sound and then to generate [an alert] the sound again.

--10. (Twice Amended) The communication terminal according to claim 8, wherein said control means controls the state of said alert sound generator to reduce an audible volume levels of the [alert] sound and subsequently to restore said volume level of the [alert] sound to an unreduced level.

--11. (Twice Amended) The communication terminal according to claim 1, further comprising display means for displaying information regarding [a received call] said remote caller.

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--12. (Twice Amended) The communication terminal according to claim 1, further comprising:

RF signal processing means for transmitting and/or receiving radio waves; and  
an antenna for transmitting and/or receiving said radio waves, wherein said communication status between said apparatus and said remote caller is established by said transmitted and/or received radio waves.

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--13. (Twice Amended) A method of [controlling a status of] informing a user of a received call from a remote caller to a communication apparatus, comprising the steps of:

waiting to receive a call;  
ringing an alert sound upon receiving said call; and

~~changing the state of said alert sound when a predetermined operation is operated while leaving a communication status between the remote caller and the communication apparatus unchanged.~~

--14. (Twice Amended) The method of [controlling a status of] informing a user of a received call according to claim 13, wherein said predetermined operation comprises depressing a predetermined key for a time shorter than a predetermined period of time.

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--15. (Twice Amended) The method of [controlling a status of] informing a user of a received call according to claim 14, wherein said predetermined key is a power key to turn on or break off a supply of power to said communication apparatus.

--16. (Twice Amended) The method of [controlling a status of] informing a user of a received call according to claim 14, wherein said predetermined period of time is substantially equal to one second.

--17. (Twice Amended) The method of [controlling a status of] informing a user of a received call according to claim 13, wherein said step of changing the state of the alert sound includes the step of toggling said predetermined operation.

--18. (Twice Amended) The method of [controlling a status of] informing a user of a received